

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 4 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--Reference is made to commonly assigned U.S. Patent Application Serial No [[____]] 09/900,564 filed [[____]] July 6, 2001 entitled "Method For Representing s Digital Color Image Using a Set of Palette Colors Based on Detected Important Colors" by Jiebo Luo et al., the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.--